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SETTLING, AND HARD DRAWN SPRING

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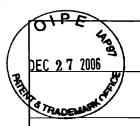
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